



FFSC Focus

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How to Be A Successful Online College Student



Thinking about taking college courses online? More and more people are. Going to online colleges is especially convenient for people who move frequently. But don't be fooled by the commercials and ads on television and the Internet that portray people taking courses while wearing pajamas or sitting beside the pool. Yes, you may take the classes in a more relaxed atmosphere. But don't make the mistake of expecting online courses to be opportunities for "Easy A's and B's."

Being a successful online college student requires the same diligence and good habits as being successful in a traditional college or university class: adherence to deadlines and frequent participation.

Deadlines are deadlines. Online course are driven by computers and computers know exactly when you turn your work in. The purpose of deadlines is to train you to make time to do the academic work, which will become more difficult

and time consuming the farther you progress in school. If you learn to complete your assignments on time early on, you will increase your chances for success as you move to more advanced courses.

By far, the most important element of success in online college classes is frequent participation. You cannot perform a week's worth of work in one day. Frequent participation means logging into your courses almost every day, communicating with your instructor, and participating in the discussion forums with other students. As with the deadlines, remember that computers maintain digital logs recording participation.

One way to prepare yourself for taking online college courses would be to take advantage of the FREE ONLINE CLASSES offered to service members and their dependents aged 14 and older. These classes are not for college credit, but can help you learn to improve your study and work habits. Classes are self

paced and can be completed all at once, or they can be stopped and restarted where you left off as many times as needed. Take as many classes as you like and then print your completion certificate.

Check out the wide variety of courses offered, such as: Microsoft (Word, Excel, Access, Project and Powerpoint), leadership, project management, marketing, stress management, time management, business law, finance and budgeting by going to the one of the websites below for more information.

Navy Knowledge Online
www.NKO.navy.mil

Air Force ADLS
www.my.af.mil

Army Knowledge Online
www.us.army.mil

Marine Net
www.marinenet.usmc.mil

US Coast Guard Learning Portal
<https://learning.uscg.mil/portal.asp>



NOLA TRIVIA QUESTION:

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Effective Communication 0900-1100 Surviving the Holidays Financially 1500-1600	4 Job Search Workshop 0830-1230 Stress Management 0900-1100	5	6
7	8	9 Sponsor Training 1000-1100 Parenting 1130-1430	10 Speaking of Money 0900-1100	11 Veterans Day FFSC offices closed.	12	13
14	15	16 Smooth Move Workshop 1000-1100 Parenting 1130-1430	17 Effects of Divorce on Children 0900-1100	18 Newcomer's Orientation (18 & 19) 0800-1600 Anger Management 0900-1100	19	20
TAP PRE-SEPARATION WORKSHOP (15-19) 0800-1600						
21	22	23 Parenting 1130-1430	24 New Spouse Orientation 0900-1100	25 Thanksgiving Day FFSC offices closed.	26	27
28	29	30	<div>  <div> NOLA TRIVIA ANSWER: The Superdome in New Orleans, home of the Sugar Bowl and the 2010 Super Bowl World Champion New Orleans Saints, who celebrate their 44th birthday this month. </div> </div>			

Unless otherwise noted, all classes are held at NAS JRB. For more information about these classes or anything found in this newsletter, please call 678-7569.